Trade Organization, the quantitative restrictions on 1429 tariff lines, including urea, are to be removed by April 1, 2001. However, there is no bound rate on urea and thus the country is free to decide on an appropriate tariff rate and such other measures as may be necessary keeping in view the national interest.

Opening of professional colleges by Railways

*35. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways are contemplating to establish and run engineering and medical colleges exclusively for the children of Railway employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when such colleges would be established;

(c) whether outsiders would also be admitted in those colleges;

(d) if so, what would be the criteria; and

(c) the names of States chosen for the above project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) No decision has been taken yet.

Protection of Environment and Forests in Maharashtra

*36. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for protection of environment and forests in Maharashtra in the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of measures contemplated to be taken during the said Plan period to save the forest products; and

(c) what quantity of honey and other products of forests have been collected during the years 1997 to 2000, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Allocations arc made to the States